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Conference Report - Air Force Representatives

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1. On 10 March 1959 a conference was held in [REDACTED] with U. S. Air Force representatives to discuss the use of System II for an Air Force requirement. Present part-time or wholly at the conference were:

Lt. Col. Robert Bowker - Wright-Patterson AFB
Lt. Col. Charles Swanson - Andrews AFB
Mr. Leo Morgan - Wright-Patterson AFB
Mr. Al Draper - Andrews AFB

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2. The Air Force representatives were first briefed on System II equipment as to technique and operational use. The test results and the present status of the equipment were then reviewed. The merits of the technique and the availability of existing equipment were stressed. It was pointed out that the System II equipment will work satisfactorily but is marginal in design and construction resulting in some operational unreliability. Some rework will be necessary to improve the reliability. A visit was made to T&I to permit the Air Force representatives to inspect the System II airborne equipment, base station and test equipment. An excellent display had been arranged. Upon return to [REDACTED] the AF personnel indicated that they were impressed and would consider the use of System II for their requirement. They will advise us in the near future as to their final decision.

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3. A visit was also made to the AS-4A receive data terminal site in [REDACTED]. A briefing on the system was given for the benefit of Lt. Colonels Bowker and Swanson. Lt. Col. Swanson works for Colonel Gould of Andrews AFB in the Systems Engineering Division of the Air Force.

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